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POPULATION ESTIMATESWhole State at 31st December, 1957 -

Males - 360,031

Females - 340,183

Persons - 700,214

Metropolitan Area at 31st December, 1957 -

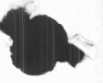
Persons - 380,000

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA

	FEBRUARY		Two Months ended FEBRUARY	
	1958	1957	1958	1957
Marriages - Number	415	366	946	916
* Rate per 1,000 of Population	7.71	6.95	8.35	8.26
Births - Number	1,420	1,371	2,955	2,887
* Rate per 1,000 of Population	26.39	26.03	26.08	26.04
Deaths - Number	388	377	946	792
* Rate per 1,000 of Population	7.21	7.16	8.35	7.14
Infant) - Number	33	23	58	52
Mortality) * Rate per 1,000 Live Births	23.24	16.78	19.63	18.01
<u>PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH</u>				
Tuberculosis	6	-	7	2
Malignant neoplasms	77	74	146	152
Diabetes mellitus	4	6	8	13
Diseases of blood, etc.	2	2	3	2
Cerebral haemorrhage, etc.	47	41	115	95
Diseases of the heart	99	99	246	218
Hypertension with heart disease	7	6	19	23
Hypertensive disease without mention of heart	2	3	5	7
Arteriosclerosis	7	9	22	20
Influenza	-	-	-	1
Pneumonia	11	13	27	21
Bronchitis	-	4	5	6
Other respiratory diseases	1	10	9	12
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	2	4	6	9
Gastro-enteritis and colitis	2	2	4	5
Chronic enteritis and ulcerative colitis	2	1	3	2
Cirrhosis of the liver	2	1	4	3
Nephritis and nephrosis	2	6	5	10
Diseases of the prostate	3	4	14	7
Maternal causes	-	1	-	2
Diseases of early infancy	22	19	40	34
Motor vehicle accidents	15	13	31	25
Other accidents	16	15	36	34
Suicide	3	10	13	14
All other causes	49	34	101	75
Total:	388	377	946	792

* Equivalent Annual Rate.

* Deaths under one year.



LAND SETTLEMENT

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the three months ended March, 1958, totalled 346,990 acres, an increase of 113,429 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral special and miscellaneous leases registered amounted to 213,600 acres, a decrease of 1,239,318.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

Item	MARCH		Nine Months ended MARCH	
	1958	1957	1958	1957
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Revenue	4,457,223	4,276,773	39,455,094	37,772,010
Revenue per Head of Population	6. 6. 11	6. 4. 5	56. 11. 4	55. 6. 6
Expenditure	4,542,038	4,578,434	43,160,386	41,973,418
Expenditure per Head of Population	6. 9. 4	6. 13. 2	61. 17. 7	61. 9. 6

SAVINGS BANKS

Depositors' Balances at the end of March, 1958, amounted to £64,555,170 or £91.16.7 per head of population as against £61,131,040 or £88.16.9 per head at the end of March, 1957.

BANK CLEARANCES

The average weekly clearance for the four weeks ended 26th March, 1958, amounted to £16,513,406 compared with £15,941,319 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds		MARCH		Nine Months ended MARCH	
		1958	1957	1958	1957
Transfers	No.	1,760	1,722	14,866	12,978
	£.	3,277,254	2,971,455	25,811,075	19,670,037
Mortgages	No.	1,401	1,314	11,138	9,593
	£.	2,463,960	2,296,176	21,053,640	17,235,727
Discharges of Mortgages	No.	1,074	1,027	8,495	7,570

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS AND TAX COLLECTED

Period of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Net)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
	£.	£.	£.	£.
March, 1958	4,064,185	2,177,160	10,802,592	538,069
March, 1957	3,501,301	2,131,573	11,988,647	510,784
Nine months ended March, 1958	35,101,277	25,069,738	95,964,189	5,138,758
Nine months ended March, 1957	31,122,716	19,301,832	91,881,191	4,647,401



COMPANIES REGISTERED

213 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £8,639,000 and 80 Foreign Companies were registered during the nine months ended March, 1958. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 150 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £10,609,500 and 63 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY

Item	Nine Months ended MARCH					
	1958			1957		
	No.	Liabilities £.	Assets £.	No.	Liabilities £.	Assets £.
Sequestration Orders	82	169,168	60,091	71	151,534	135,042
Deeds of Assignment (a)	71	388,295	358,446	67	245,387	330,643
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

TRANSPORT

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for General and Passenger traffic, were as follows:-

Item		FEBRUARY		Eight Months ended FEBRUARY	
		1958	1957	1958	1957
Gross Earnings (a) *	£.	1,050,100	1,133,000	8,488,700	9,560,767
Working Expenses (a)	£.	1,251,952	1,320,267	9,798,970	10,644,717
Train Miles Run	No.	585,121	633,920	4,846,911	5,647,796
Motor Bus Miles Run	No.	(b) 107,697	(b) 109,814	(c) 833,362	(c) 874,684
<u>Passenger Journeys -</u>					
Train	No.	1,392,757	1,221,137	9,471,106	8,573,460
Motor Bus	No.	20,341	22,505	188,490	203,990
<u>Tonnage Carried</u>					
Paying Goods		309,379	360,437	2,181,282	2,775,960
Livestock		8,527	9,729	98,324	108,848
Departmental (Free Freight)		53,100	54,580	428,989	445,477
Total:		371,006	424,746	2,708,595	3,330,285
<u>Net Ton Mileage of -</u>					
Paying Goods		48,435,268	54,933,171	352,951,366	439,121,300
Livestock		1,077,617	1,088,599	13,554,053	14,066,944
Departmental (Free Freight)		4,600,573	6,008,919	42,983,781	51,337,484
Total:		54,113,458	62,030,689	409,489,200	504,525,728

(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.

(b) Four weeks ended 1st February.

(c) Period ended February.

* Figures liable to revision.



MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED

Period	Metropolitan Traffic Area				Entire State (a)			
	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1953	4,460	1,869	57	746	8,166	5,071	76	1,239
Year 1954	6,499	2,487	34	736	11,667	6,083	70	1,267
Year 1955	6,852	2,533	18	701	11,612	5,606	59	1,130
Year 1956	5,219	1,856	24	724	9,067	4,582	85	1,057
Year 1957	5,639	2,084	35	1,007	9,865	4,755	71	1,447
<u>1958 -</u>								
January	372	177	-	149	648	409	2	192
February	536	225	5	125	860	516	11	173

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)

Date(as at end of Month)	Metropolitan Traffic Area				Entire State (a)			
	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (in- cluding Hire Cars)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities	Buses	Motor Cycles
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
<u>1956 -</u>								
June	61,835	24,169	569	9,253	98,875	64,430	1,196	13,873
December	64,158	24,641	573	9,133	101,708	64,765	1,209	13,551
<u>1957 -</u>								
June	65,013	24,354	580	8,770	103,788	64,806	1,224	13,146
December	67,315	24,209	610	8,389	107,052	64,236	1,252	12,599
<u>1958 -</u>								
January	68,295	24,414	610	8,532	106,510	62,644	1,155	12,203
February	68,490	24,379	615	8,552	107,849	63,791	1,239	12,512

(a) Includes Commonwealth-owned vehicles other than those of Defence Services.

TRADE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA)

Expressed in Terms of Australian Currency

Item	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (including Ships' Stores)			
	FEBRUARY		Eight Months ended FEBRUARY		FEBRUARY		Eight Months ended FEBRUARY	
	1958	1957	1958	1957	1958	1957	1958	1957
	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000	£,000
Oversea	4,990	2,764	30,995	26,857	7,780	9,944	69,757	83,081
Interstate	7,364	6,243	62,784	59,573	3,948	3,193	26,906	26,236
Total:	12,354	9,007	93,779	86,430	11,728	13,137	96,663	109,317



BUILDING ACTIVITY

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000
Year 1946	55	32	1,316	1,221	52	82	145	192	1,568	1,527
Year 1947	165	109	2,245	2,380	37	64	164	327	2,611	2,880
Year 1948	514	346	2,544	3,042	49	160	268	431	3,375	3,978
Year 1949	825	693	2,485	3,476	57	215	317	657	3,684	5,041
Year 1950	1,313	1,365	3,331	4,727	41	263	428	651	5,113	7,006
Year 1951	1,913	2,835	4,137	6,969	40	459	433	986	6,523	11,249
Year 1952	2,883	5,824	4,946	11,201	63	667	604	2,424	8,496	19,934
Year 1953	2,988	7,219	4,839	12,624	84	817	714	3,657	8,625	24,317
Year 1954	3,127	8,255	5,044	13,491	111	1,544	844	5,015	9,126	28,305
Year 1955	2,788	8,194	6,422	18,091	129	3,405	933	6,900	10,272	36,590
Year 1956	1,921	5,708	4,773	13,508	97	946	923	7,359	7,714	27,521
Year 1957	1,401	4,086	4,748	13,680	100	1,110	714	6,450	6,963	25,326
1957 -										
March Qr.	287	852	774	2,194	21	263	149	1,798	1,231	5,107
June Qr.	418	1,134	1,071	3,103	27	455	154	1,186	1,670	5,878
Sept. Qr.	275	784	1,396	3,972	28	178	207	1,363	1,906	6,297
Dec. Qr.	421	1,316	1,507	4,411	24	214	204	2,103	2,156	8,044

(a) Comprises Government Day Labour as well as Private Contractor Operations and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and Other Residentials excluded from Table (2) hereunder.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION

(includes Owner-Built Homes)

Period	Houses Completed - Classified According to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other		Total	
	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000
Year 1946	578	640	186	140	373	296	227	172	1,364	1,248
Year 1947	1,114	1,365	257	196	966	862	62	47	2,399	2,470
Year 1948	1,252	1,715	326	249	1,436	1,348	29	22	3,043	3,334
Year 1949	1,449	2,235	228	191	1,571	1,649	42	43	3,290	4,118
Year 1950	1,709	2,882	337	311	2,262	2,572	55	48	4,363	5,813
Year 1951	2,155	4,560	453	525	2,933	4,241	190	218	5,731	9,544
Year 1952	3,006	8,097	745	1,609	3,844	6,678	135	263	7,730	16,647
Year 1953	2,676	8,417	976	2,657	3,966	8,277	24	54	7,642	19,405
Year 1954	2,865	9,767	214	530	4,823	10,833	4	4	7,906	21,134
Year 1955	3,268	11,775	225	621	5,271	12,614	8	17	8,772	25,027
Year 1956	3,017	10,491	62	175	2,964	6,864	4	9	6,047	17,539
Year 1957	3,773	12,159	28	67	2,139	4,890	6	9	5,946	17,125
1957 -										
March Qr.	610	2,025	3	7	407	890	1	2	1,021	2,924
June Qr.	845	2,768	10	20	576	1,295	1	1	1,432	4,084
Sept. Qr.	1,018	3,223	5	11	601	1,405	2	3	1,626	4,642
Dec. Qr.	1,300	4,143	10	29	555	1,300	2	3	1,867	5,475

GOLD PRODUCTION

Item	MARCH		Three Months ended MARCH	
	1958	1957	1958	1957
<u>GOLD</u>				
Quantity Fine ozs.	65,420	67,121	197,947	238,793
Value (Aust. Currency)* £.	1,022,190	1,048,765	3,092,916	3,731,141
Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies £.	-	51,562	227,344	464,062

* Excludes additional premiums on gold sold by Gold Producers' Association Ltd. and subsidy paid by the Commonwealth Government.

RETAIL PRICES INDEX NUMBERS

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capitals for 1923/27 = 1000)

Centre	Food and Groceries				"C" Series			
	MARCH Quarter		Twelve Months ended MARCH		MARCH Quarter		Twelve Months ended MARCH	
	1957	1958	1957	1958	1957	1958	1957	1958
Metropolitan Area	3050	2941	3033	3019	2714	2712	2683	2729
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	3251	3173	3212	3194	2624	2630	2591	2627
Northam	3145	3088	3108	3128	2652	2693	2617	2702
Bunbury	3134	3151	3102	3146	2731	2782	2697	2762
Geraldton	3201	3215	3163	3232	2884	2931	2855	2928
Collie	3144	3180	3122	3182	2479	2519	2456	2514

ESTIMATED TOTAL EMPLOYMENT

(Excluding Rural and Private Domestic)

Month	1957			1958		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
January	134,232	43,806	178,038	134,159	44,938	179,097
February	134,594	44,839	179,433			
March	134,816	45,022	179,838			
April	134,587	44,505	179,092			
May	134,124	44,691	178,815			
June	133,650	44,159	177,809			
July	133,311	44,323	177,634			
August	133,411	44,457	177,868			
September	133,669	44,815	178,484			
October	134,413	44,907	179,320			
November	134,431	45,352	179,783			
December	134,178	45,688	179,866			

INDEX OF FACTORY EMPLOYMENT (a)

Month	Factories (Base: 1928/29, 19,799 Employees = 100)				
	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958
January	226	237	241	232	233
February	228	240	241	235	
March	231	242	240	236	
April	230	243	239	234	
May	231	242	238	234	
June	230	239	235	231	
July	230	238	231	230	
August	230	239	230	230	
September	232	241	233	232	
October	233	241	233	233	
November	234	243	233	234	
December	233	242	232	233	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1957 are preliminary.

STATE BASIC WAGE

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area			South-West Land Division			Goldfields and Rest of State		
	Male	Female		Male	Female		Male	Female	
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
28/4/58	13. 8. 6	8. 14. 6		13. 11. 2	8. 16. 3		13. 8. 0	8. 14. 2	

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
February, 1958	9,153	576	86,196	14,323
February, 1957	7,702	320	88,450	10,242
8 Months ended February, 1958	86,778	4,496	976,184	132,963
8 Months ended February, 1957	82,549	3,140	982,259	95,983

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

(Note - Excludes non-casualty accidents where damage was estimated to be £10 or less)

Period	Non Casualty Accidents (Damage over £10)		Casualty Accidents		Total Accidents Reported		Persons Killed		Persons Injured	
	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try	Metro-politan	Coun-try
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Year 1953	4,074	1,463	2,024	382	6,098	2,345	99	93	2,430	1,234
Year 1954	5,072	1,824	2,415	874	7,487	2,698	96	89	3,028	1,281
Year 1955	5,878	2,029	2,237	921	8,115	2,950	110	89	2,669	1,318
Year 1956	5,866	2,095	2,161	875	8,027	2,970	102	80	2,653	1,236
Year 1957	6,150	2,193	2,244	976	8,394	3,169	87	65	2,733	1,335
<u>1958 -</u>										
January	518	160	161	86	679	246	8	11	217	119
February	434	130	201	78	635	208	3	6	245	105
Total Two Months ended February	952	290	362	164	1,314	454	11	17	462	224



MONTHLY PRODUCTION STATISTICS (SUBJECT TO REVISION)

Item	Unit	MARCH		Nine Months ended MARCH	
		1958	1957	1958	1957
<u>Building Materials, etc.</u>					
Bath Heaters - solid fuel	no.	386	511	3,977	4,033
Bricks - Cement	'000	108	89	1,603	1,321
- Clay	'000	7,958	8,494	76,786	68,020
Fibrous Plaster Sheets	'000 sq. yd.	115	145	1,134	1,011
Lime (Quicklime)	ton	1,778	2,245	19,900	17,864
Ready Mixed Paints and Enamels excluding Water Paints	gal.	29,045	24,504	230,072	219,047
Tiles, roofing - Cement	'000	519	619	5,318	3,845
Timber - Sawn (from Local Logs) /	'000 sup.ft.	(a) 17,090	(a) 17,159	(b) 136,512	(b) 141,853
<u>Clothing</u>					
Cardigans and Pullovers	doz.	1,047	1,555	8,077	7,476
Shirts (all types) Men's and Boys'	doz.	3,469	3,039	40,615	36,230
Sports Coats - Men's	no.	253	374	3,060	3,889
Suits - Men's - 3 piece	no.	54	67	823	1,344
- 2 piece	no.	1,173	1,292	13,225	13,747
Trousers - Men's - Sport	no.	5,098	5,280	43,432	45,779
- Work	no.	13,102	12,470	110,161	110,820
<u>Footwear</u>					
Boots and Shoes(all types)	pair	29,249	36,076	234,908	268,443
Sandals	pair	1,317	4,175	154,734	153,875
Slippers	pair	24,939	33,820	217,043	290,448
<u>Food and Drink</u>					
Bacon and Ham	'000 lb.	566	448	5,080	5,374
Butter	'000 lb.	165	184	13,307	14,321
Cheese	'000 lb.	80	89	2,124	2,349
Jams	'000 lb.	57	83	483	426
Sauce - Tomato	Imperial pint	57,403	35,396	544,160	509,191
<u>Miscellaneous</u>					
Acids - Acetic	cwt.	303	55	4,680	4,993
- Hydrochloric	cwt.	95	129	1,162	1,033
- Nitric	cwt.	8	66	270	476
- Sulphuric	ton	17,165	17,803	159,428	130,538
Coal	ton	69,229	73,847	629,837	618,698
Cycles, Pedal	no.	552	582	5,299	5,192
Electricity Generated	'000 K.W.H.	(a) 66,533	(a) 62,608	(b) 553,850	(b) 520,628
Gas Produced	Million cu. ft.	110	116	1,052	1,083
Iron (Pig Iron)	ton	1,686	1,186	11,486	10,552
Mattresses - Inner Spring	no.	2,840	1,726	22,009	17,670
- Woven Wire	no.	1,474	4,175	20,758	23,272
- Soft Filled	no.	5,227	3,535	29,741	27,934
Motor Vehicle Bodies -					
Truck Trays	no.	45	39	343	351
Utilities (all types)	no.	1	5	19	33
Trailers (all types)	no.	17	12	99	102
Perambulators	nc.	82	47	625	441
Soap and Soap Substitutes	cwt.	7,310	7,221	59,843	60,472
Superphosphate	ton	47,525	45,700	441,228	353,877
Wool Scoured	'000 lb.	2,201	2,226	20,269	18,365

(a) February figures, March not available.

(b) Eight months ended February.

/ Includes plywood veneers in terms of super feet.

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1941

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VALUE OF RETAIL SALES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO COMMODITY GROUPS

The figures in the table below relate to goods (as distinct from services, accommodation, entertainments, meals, etc.) sold to the public by establishments selling retail goods from fixed premises (shops, rooms, kiosks, yards). The table contains particulars of retail sales of goods for the years 1948-49, 1952-53 and 1956-57, on a comparable basis. The figures for the years 1948-49 and 1952-53 were obtained from Censuses taken in respect of those years, whereas particulars for the other periods shown are estimates based on sample surveys.

(& Million)

Period (a)	Groceries	Butchers' Meat	Other Food (b)	Beer, Wine, Spirits	Clothing, Drapery, Piecegoods & Footwear	Hardware, China and Glassware (c)	Electrical Goods and Radios	Furniture and Floor Coverings	Other Goods (d)	Total Excluding Motor Vehicles, etc.	Motor Vehicles Parts, Petrol (e)
<u>YEARS</u>											
1948-49	10.8	4.0	7.1	8.5	14.3	3.8	2.4	3.0	10.8	64.7	13.7
1952-53	20.7	8.2	13.7	14.4	24.1	9.3	6.1	5.2	25.6	127.3	37.3
1956-57	27.5	11.1	18.9	16.5	27.8	11.2	7.4	6.0	29.2	155.6	49.3
<u>QUARTERS</u>											
March Qtr.											
1954	5.3	2.2	3.7	4.4	5.5	2.4	1.6	1.3	6.6	33.0	10.0
1955	6.3	2.2	4.1	4.1	5.9	2.5	1.8	1.4	7.0	35.3	11.8
1956	6.6	2.4	4.8	4.5	5.8	2.5	2.1	1.4	6.8	36.9	13.1
1957	6.6	2.7	4.8	4.6	5.9	2.7	1.8	1.4	7.0	37.5	12.3
June Qtr.											
1954	5.8	2.4	3.7	3.6	7.3	2.6	1.4	1.5	7.3	35.6	11.7
1955	6.4	2.4	3.8	3.5	7.3	2.6	1.5	1.5	7.2	36.2	12.9
1956	6.9	2.6	4.3	3.5	7.3	2.8	1.6	1.4	7.1	37.5	11.6
1957	6.9	2.9	4.9	3.9	7.3	2.9	1.8	1.5	7.2	39.3	13.3
Sept. Qtr.											
1954	6.2	2.4	4.0	3.6	6.5	2.5	1.6	1.6	7.2	35.6	13.0
1955	6.5	2.5	4.4	3.3	6.7	2.7	1.8	1.6	7.0	36.5	13.0
1956	6.9	2.8	4.4	3.6	6.5	2.6	1.6	1.5	6.8	36.7	11.2
1957	7.0	3.0	4.8	3.9	6.7	2.8	1.8	1.6	7.4	39.0	13.7
Dec. Qtr.											
1954	6.6	2.3	4.2	4.0	7.8	2.9	2.3	1.6	8.2	39.9	12.7
1955	6.8	2.5	4.7	4.2	8.0	3.0	2.6	1.7	8.5	42.0	14.5
1956	7.1	2.7	4.8	4.4	8.1	3.0	2.2	1.6	8.2	42.1	12.5
1957	7.7	2.9	5.2	4.9	8.5	3.3	2.5	1.8	8.6	45.4	14.4

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1953, are subject to revision. (b) Includes Fresh Fruit and Vegetables, Confectionery, Soft Drinks, Ice Cream, Cakes, Pastry, Cooked Provisions, Fish, etc., but excludes most delivered Milk and some delivered Bread. (c) Excludes Basic Building Materials (e.g. Timber, Roofing Tiles, Bricks, etc.). (d) Includes Tobacco, Cigarettes, etc., Newspapers, Books and Stationery, Chemists' Goods, Grain and Produce, Jewellery, Office Equipment, etc. (e) Excludes Farm Machinery and Implements, Earth-moving Equipment, etc.

AVERAGE WHOLESALE PRICES (METROPOLITAN MARKETS)

(This information is extracted from records relating to approximately 25% of Total Sales)

FRUIT

Item	Unit	1957											1958	
		Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
		s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Lemons	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	21. 9	21. 5	15. 3	12.10	9. 8	8. 3	8. 2	10. 2	12. 0	13.11	24. 7	36. 6	35. 5
Oranges - Navel	bush.	-	-	-	30. 2	19. 4	19. 7	23. 5	27. 1	32. 4	-	-	-	-
- Val.	bush.	27. 6	33. 9	39. 5	27. 0	27. 0	24. 2	18. 2	22. 1	21. 1	21. 6	21. 9	22. 4	22. 8
Bananas - Local	lb.	1. 2	1. 4	1. 5	1. 4	1. 4	1.11	2. 1	1.11	1. 7	1. 4	1. 0	1. 3	10
Apples - G.Smith	bush.	19. 8	14. 5	19.10	24. 3	25. 9	27. 3	32. 6	42. 6	44. 9	57. 9	58. 7	-	-
- Other	bush.	17.11	16.10	22. 8	23. 8	24. 5	27. 1	32. 8	42. 0	46. 5	63. 8	59. 8	31.10	29. 3
Pears	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	15. 9	15. 8	21.11	20. 2	18. 9	23. 8	30. 0	38. 0	-	-	-	29. 7	28. 9
Apricots	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	29. 4	28. 0	43. 2	-
Nectarines	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	25. 1	25. 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23. 2	28.11
Plums	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	16. 8	25. 5	36.11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	24.11	20.10	18. 0
Peaches	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	18. 8	19. 0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40.10	19.10	20. 3	17. 3
Grapes	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	20. 4	24. 9	27. 4	24.11	28. 6	-	-	-	-	-	31.11	24.11	21. 9

VEGETABLES

Item	Unit	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.
		s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Cabbage	crate	6.10	5. 8	6. 4	5. 6	5.11	12. 7	11.11	13. 5	5.10	7. 1	10. 6	16. 3	11. 6
Cauliflowers	dozen	27. 0	21. 8	17. 0	11.11	7. 2	19. 4	14. 9	7. 0	9. 6	9. 7	-	-	18. 0
Lettuce	crate	6. 5	7.10	8. 3	6. 9	8. 0	15. 1	11. 9	11. 8	17. 0	13. 6	8. 2	8. 2	12. 9
Table Celery	doz.head	4. 9	6. 6	4. 7	6. 5	5. 6	4. 3	9.10	10. 6	7.11	9. 0	7. 5	9. 4	8. 9
Beetroot	cwt.	27. 7	28. 3	21. 2	20. 1	17. 0	29. 7	43. 7	49. 5	44. 3	30. 4	64.11	82. 6	62. 5
Carrots	cwt.	39.10	46. 7	56. 8	45. 6	31. 2	39.10	35. 9	42. 3	40. 7	24. 3	19. 8	22. 0	29. 8
Parsnips	cwt.	36. 1	111. 0	105. 9	84. 9	65. 9	73. 5	67. 0	68. 8	42.10	28. 6	27. 8	30. 1	42. 0
Turnips	$\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.bag	8. 2	8. 2	6. 8	7. 6	5. 8	7. 9	8. 4	11. 2	4. 7	4. 0	6. 7	4. 3	7.10
Swedes	cwt.	67. 2	64. 1	74. 6	41. 9	29. 9	30. 6	31. 3	32. 2	31. 2	28. 6	34. 1	42.10	48. 1
Runner Beans	lb.	9	11	7	6	9	1.11	2. 1	1. 3	10	10	11	1. 1	9
Peas	lb.	2. 1	1.11	1. 4	1. 5	1. 9	2. 1	1. 4	11	9	11	1. 5	1. 9	1.10
Sweet Potatoes	lb.	5	3	3	3	4	5	4	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	4	2	3	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	4
Pumpkin	bag	18.10	16. 1	16. 8	14. 3	15. 4	16. 1	16. 3	21.11	19. 9	14. 9	17.11	19. 9	17. 1
Tomatoes	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	11. 3	13. 1	19. 5	15. 6	11. 9	15. 6	20.10	18. 8	46. 0	32. 8	18.11	19. 3	22. 3
		£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.
Onions (a)	ton	36. 0.0	37. 3.0	40. 0.0	41. 8.0	45. 0.0	45. 0.0	/	/	/	/	31.15.0	31.15.0	36. 0.0
Potatoes (b)	ton	41.15.0	41.15.0	40. 5.0	40. 5.0	40. 5.0	40. 5.0	40. 5.0	40. 5.0	40. 5.0	32. 0.0	32. 0.0	32. 0.0	32. 0.0

(a) W.A. Onion Marketing Board's price to Merchants delivered Metropolitan Area. / No local onions available. / 50 lb. crate.

(b) W.A. Potato Marketing Board's price to Merchants F.O.R. Perth. / No Board Price, onions sold only by auction this month.

AVERAGE WHOLESALE PRICES (MIDLAND JUNCTION SALEYARDS)

(This information is extracted from records relating to approximately 50% of Total Sales)

LIVESTOCK

Item	1957												1958	
	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	
<u>Good Quality Sheep</u>														
Suckers	-	-	-	4. 8. 0	4.17. 0	4.12. 0	4. 7. 4	4. 4.10	3.17. 9	3.13. 2	-	-	-	
Lambs - In Wool	4. 6. 8	4.11. 8	5. 7. 0	5.12. 5	6. 2. 7	4.16. 0	4. 7. 2	-	-	-	-	4. 0. 7	4. 3. 9	
- Shorn	-	-	4. 4. 0	4. 1. 7	4.19. 5	4. 9. 5	3.13. 7	3.14. 3	3. 9. 5	3. 7. 7	3.17.11	-	-	
Hoggets - In Wool	4. 4. 8	4. 7. 8	4. 9.10	4.18. 8	5.12. 5	4.17. 3	3.17. 5	-	-	-	-	3.13. 3	3.16. 3	
- Shorn	-	-	-	3.12.10	5. 3. 7	3. 4. 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Ewes - In Wool	3. 7. 8	3. 6. 3	4. 1.10	4.16. 3	5. 5. 3	4.18. 8	4. 8. 2	-	-	-	-	2. 6. 1	2. 7. 5	
- Shorn	-	-	2. 4. 0	3. 2. 3	4. 2. 3	3. 6. 0	2.11. 7	2. 6. 5	1.18. 2	1.17. 2	2. 2.10	-	-	
Wethers - In Wool	4. 3. 5	4. 3.10	4.16.10	5. 7.10	6. 7. 7	5. 6. 5	4. 3. 5	-	-	-	-	3. 1.11	3. 6.10	
- Shorn	-	-	2.18. 7	3. 7. 7	3.14. 5	3.14. 5	3. 3.11	2.16. 7	2.10.10	2.17. 9	3. 1. 7	-	-	
<u>Good Quality Cattle</u>														
Baby Beef	27.13. 5	29. 9.10	34. 7. 7	40. 5. 5	40. 2. 0	39.14. 3	35.13. 4	32. 2. 2	29. 6. 0	20. 5.10	28. 7. 7	28. 7. 1	29. 6. 3	
Heifers	30.19. 3	34.15. 5	41.19.10	46. 0.10	46. 7.10	43.13. 3	39. 2.10	36. 0. 5	34. 7. 7	30. 3. 9	32. 5. 0	33. 0. 0	33.10. 4	
Cows	35. 7. 3	40.14. 5	45. 0.10	47.16. 3	47. 9. 3	48.16.10	39.15. 2	38.14. 6	36. 8.10	36.13. 6	34.18. 0	40.11. 9	40. 9. 2	
Steers	38. 8. 5	46.10.10	50.13. 7	53.15. 0	52. 9. 3	52. 7. 3	47.11. 9	44.14. 9	41. 4. 7	40. 0. 7	41. 2. 4	43. 1. 6	42.15. 9	
Bullocks	44. 4.10	44.13. 3	57. 1. 0	54. 8.10	52. 7. 7	50.17.10	45.19. 0	43.11.10	45. 7. 4	46. 6.11	44.15.11	43. 4. 0	-	
<u>Good Quality Pigs</u>														
Slips	6.14. 3	6. 6. 5	5.12. 5	5. 6. 0	4.14. 0	4.16. 3	3.17. 3	3.15. 3	3. 7. 4	3. 0.11	3. 8. 2	2.18.11	2. 9. 9	
Porkers	10. 3.10	9.16. 3	10.16. 0	9.13. 1	9. 4. 7	8.15. 1	8.12. 7	7.16. 8	7.10.10	7.11. 2	6.16. 8	7. 1. 0	6.19. 0	
Baconers	17. 0.10	17. 0.10	16.16. 7	15.17. 0	15.17. 5	14.15. 0	14. 0. 8	13. 3. 8	12. 6. 8	12.13. 0	11. 9.10	11. 7. 4	11.14. 9	

∅ Decrease in price mainly due to a seasonal influx of light weight Baby Beef.

